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Hoosier flood victims in 34 counties will be eligible for Disaster Relief Unemployment Benefits

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The Department of Workforce Development announced today that workers in some Indiana counties are eligible for special Disaster Unemployment Assistance Benefits (DUA) due to recent floods and storms.

Thirty-four counties were declared eligible for DUA. They are Adams, Allen, Benton, Blackford, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Delaware, Fountain, Grant, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, Howard, Huntington, Jasper, Jay, Kosciusko, Madison, Marion, Miami, Montgomery, Noble, Pulaski, Randolph, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Wabash, Warren, Wayne, Wells, White and Whitely.

Governor Frank O'Bannon requested and was granted federal disaster aid from President Bush on July 11, 2003.

Hoosiers farmers, some self-employed, and other workers whose jobs were affected as a direct result of the flooding may be eligible. Benefits will be determined based on applicants' income.

Disaster Recovery Centers open July 17 with hours of operation from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm, and will stay open until further notice at these locations: Wells County EMA, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton, IN, 46714; Johanning Civic Center, 1500 N. Reed Road (U.S. 31), Kokomo, IN, 46901; Tippecanoe County EMA, 629 N. 6th Street, Lafayette, IN, 47901.

Interested claimants must call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) toll-free number (1-800-621-3362) to receive a registration number, then apply for benefits at the temporary Disaster Recovery Centers or their local WorkOne. To find the nearest WorkOne office call 1-888-WORKONE or log on to the Department of Workforce Development web site at <http://www.in.gov/dwd/>.